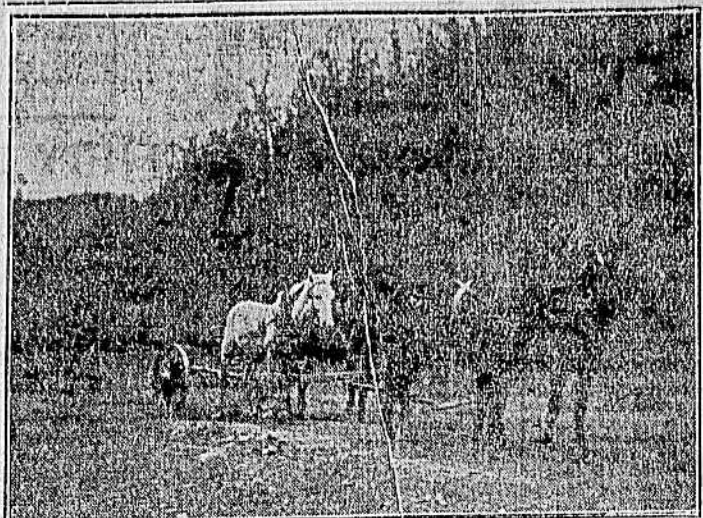


GREAT INDUSTRY IN DICKENSON COUNTY

Poplar Timber Hauled to the Streams and Floated to Market—Primitive Methods.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
OSBORN'S GAP, VA., March 5.—The principal industry of Dickenson county, aside from agricultural pursuits, is logging. This industry has figured largely in the county's commercial affairs for more than thirty years, so that the choice poplar species exported, is becoming scarce, except in a few instances where bodies of it are kept as holdings. It would be impossible to even approximate in estimation the number of feet that has been marketed during these thirty years of activity in this trade, but it would doubtless reach far up into ten figures. The work is still progressing, but the timber being hauled is mostly "culls".

The trees are cut among the hills, which are invariably steep and rough, and sawed into logs, the length of which varies according to the diameter, the shortest



A LOGGING OUTFIT.

fast. When they are drawn to the roads, they are rolled upon "pits," from which they are put on log wagons drawn by horses, and hauled to the streams, there to wait the coming of the tide to float them down stream to the market.

These logs float out separately, till they pass through "the breaks," a remarkably wild gorge at the confluence of the several streams which water this county, in lower Cumberland Mountain. When the logs reach Sandy River where the waters flow more smooth, they are caught and rafted together for the remainder of their journey to the markets. It takes several hands to manage them.

Many logs are floated out of streams which do not afford sufficient water, even in the highest tides. This is done by means of "snags," which are built to hold the logs till there is enough to float them. The log is held in place by a heavy pole, which is cut in two by a stroke with an axe, and released to let the waters out, when all is in readiness. This feat is attended with some danger, owing to the great tension of the pole.

Loggers usually "shanty" in a camp built near their working grounds, where they have a cook, and a rather crude temporary house-keeping outfit. These people seem to enjoy this life, and in conversation they are often heard to refer to something that occurred at the shanty with a degree of pleasure, if not pride.

company were never so large, that its reserves are far in excess of any previous statement, and that its surplus is within \$7,000 of what it was December 31, 1901.

Within the last few years the growth of the company has been very marked, and the condition, today, is as sound as a dollar. These facts have been reported to our agents throughout the country, and as far as we can learn, they are satisfactory to them. Not a policy of the company has been returned to this office for cancellation, and, furthermore, we have declined to reinsure any part of our business, the strength of which appeals strongly to insurance men.

The officers and directors of the company are determined to stand by the public and see that it reaps the harvest arising from the confidence of the public in it, and all other companies which have successfully weathered the storm of the Baltimore conflagration.

Very respectfully,
GEORGE L. CHRISTIAN, President.

Music at Grove Avenue.

At the Grove Avenue Church to-day there will be a special song service, in which the excellent quartette will render some of their best selections. This quartette has put church music on the high plane which it has attained in this city, and the congregation of Grove Avenue Church to-day can expect some fine music.

The quartette is composed of Miss Doza Mitchell, soprano; Mrs. Jasper L. Rowe, contralto; Mr. J. W. Tribbett, tenor, and Mr. C. C. Crump, bass.

MARCH MOST TRYING MONTH OF YEAR

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Unless the System is Built Up and Sustained by The World's Famous Spring Tonic and Stimulant.

The standard of purity, quality and excellence for nearly a century. Used by over 7,000 leading doctors and more than 2,000 hospitals, and in millions of homes, as a gentle tonic, stimulant and invigorator, the one certain cure and preventive of disease.

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You Need No Other Medicine.
Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey prevents and cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, catarrh, grip, pneumonia, consumption and all throat and lung troubles; indigestion, dyspepsia, sour stomach, gastritis, belching and all stomach diseases; nervousness, malaria and all low fevers.

It builds up new tissues, tones up the heart, invigorates the brain, quiets the nerves and strengthens the muscles; it kills disease germs of every description, purifies the blood and cleanses the entire system. It keeps the old young and makes the young strong.

MR. W. B. WILSON,
Brother of Francis Wilson, the Famous Actor, says: "Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey Saved My Life."

"I cheerfully recommend Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey to all who are suffering from any disease and has brought about a weakening of the system. It saved my life. When I started using it I was ailing, and covered 35 pounds, but in a few days I gained 25, and am strong, robust and healthy."

"From the first dose I began to feel better, color came to my cheeks, my step became elastic, and I never felt better in my life. I firmly believe that had it not been for Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey I should now be in my grave."

Made My Wife Strong.
"My wife was sickly and pale and weighed less than 100 pounds. Nothing

seemed to do her any good, but thanks to Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey, she is now in perfect health and weighs 150 pounds. We never tire of recommending Duffy's because it never lets us down. W. B. Wilson, 24 Miami Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

We receive thousands of just such letters from men and women everywhere who have been cured and kept strong and healthy by Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey. Every testimonial is published in good faith and guaranteed.

Duffy's is absolutely pure, contains no food oil, and is the only whiskey recognized by the government as a medicine. This is a guarantee.

CAUTION.—When you ask for Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey, be sure you get the genuine. Unscrupulous dealers, in the excellence of this preparation, will try to sell you cheap imitations and make whiskey substitutes, which are put on the market for profit only, and which, far from relieving the sick, are positively harmful. Demand Duffy's and be sure to get the only absolute Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey which contains medicinal, health-giving qualities. Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey is sealed bottles only; never in flask or bulk. Look for the trademark, the "Old Chemist," on the label, and certain the cork is unbroken. Beware of refilled bottles.



Sold by all druggists and grocers, or direct, \$1.00 a bottle. Medical booklet free. Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey Co., Rochester, N. Y.

THE FARE TO ASHLAND

A Test to be Made on a Question Involved in an Old Contract.

MUST REMOVE THE POLES

A Suit Will Probably be Instituted to Enforce Removal of Telegraph Poles From Street.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ASHLAND, VA., March 5.—A vital fact has recently been developed here pertaining to the relations between the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, and the people of Ashland, which the latest of time has brought to the surface. One of the leading citizens a few years ago has effected from recent recollections. The subject is up again now for test.

The railroad company, in the early days, owned most of the land on which Ashland is now located, and many of the deeds were made from the railroad company to its present older citizens. At that time many of the officers of the company made their homes here and evidently considered it a very desirable location for a town. Strong inducements were offered at that time by the extension of a free pass between Ashland and Richmond to the health of white families. The deed executed by the railroad company now on record, show that this was to continue up to 1870, and it did.

OLD DEEDS.

The following is a correct abstract of such deeds as are now on record, viz: "The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company covenants that the head of a white family of at least three members occupying such a house upon said lot shall have a free ticket over said railroad to and from Richmond, Va., for the year 1870, and thereafter said ticket shall be entitled to a monthly ticket at not over one-eighth of the regular fares between Richmond and Ashland, or to a yearly ticket for fifty dollars in the present currency or for such sum in whatever currency as may hereafter exist as will be equivalent in value to fifty dollars in the present currency."

The question on which a test is to be made is on the rate of fare. The fare is 40 cents for day or 75 cents for a round trip and on the yearly rate which was provided for in the valuation of whatever currency thereafter will be equivalent in value to \$50 in the currency of that day. The value of the currency of the date of the deed would be equivalent to a yearly rate to-day of \$35 figured on fact that the currency of 1869 was a depreciated one, gold being worth \$1.30.

It has been held that the railroad company have evidently considered that they were bound by the covenant as they have lived up to two of the stipulations, but have not yet extended a lower yearly rate than \$50. The matter has now come up on this line for discussion.

REMOVE POLES.
The town authorities also have under consideration at this time the use of Railroad Street. The town is anxious to test its rights and where it stands in regard to the main boulevard known as "Railroad Street," of which it has been a continuous occupier by dedication and acceptance. This matter is being gradually encroached upon by the company's tracks.

The city attorney has notified the Western Union Telegraph Company to remove the telegraph poles which have always been an obstruction and are now particularly so. These poles are now in the middle of the street, being there by contract with the railroad company. As far back as 1823 and 1848 the railroad company appear to have sold lots abutting on Railroad Street, thereby acknowledging the right of the town to it as a street, and in 1860 made contracts with the Western Union Telegraph Company allowing these poles to be put in the street. The matter will soon be brought to suit.

LOCAL OPTION.
In the opinion of many of the leading citizens of Ashland, the passage of the recent act of the Legislature amending section 55 of the Code of Virginia has an interesting and significant bearing upon the town. This bill amends the law of 1,000 or more inhabitants the privi-

NORFOLK COUNTY

Cures Grip and COLDS Prevents Pneumonia.

The Fusion Democrats Will Ask for Primary Sanctioned by the State Committee.

COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED

Much Comment Over the Commutation of C. C. Walker's Sentence by the Governor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., March 5.—The Democratic State Committee will again be called upon within a day or two to take action toward settling finally the fight between the Straightout and Fusion factions in Norfolk county.

The members of the State central body will be asked by the Fusionists of the party in the county to give them a primary, officially sanctioned by the State Committee, at which the questions at issue between them and the Straightouts may be settled so far as they can be by the election of a new county committee.

Present conditions of affairs in Norfolk county are intolerable from their standpoint, they hold, and they will tell the committee that they want relief from the present arrangement. One committee is enough for one county. It will be repeated, whereas the county of Norfolk has two.

The determination to issue the address to the State Committee was arrived at at a most interesting meeting of the Fusion committee, held in the Hotel Monroe to-day at noon. It lasted nearly two hours, and while members of the press were rigidly barred from the proceedings, it is learned that there was considerable discussion of the plan.

Major Edwin W. Owens, chairman of the Fusion County Committee and member of the Legislature from Norfolk county, presided. Mr. John A. Leaser, Jr., acted as secretary.

It was stated to the committee that whereas the recent election has proven that the wing of the party in Norfolk county represented by the so-called Fusion committee is the only one that is able to send Democrats to the Legislature, the eyes of the State Central Committee should be opened to the fact that the Fusion committee is the only one that is able to accomplish this result.

It was finally determined that the county committee should make representations to the State body in the hope that the matter of regularly in the county shall be submitted to a primary. The election of a new county committee will be the object of this primary. In their address the Fusionists will likely bid themselves to abide the result of this election.

A committee consisting of Major Owens, Captain R. C. Marshall, Senator S. Finley Cromwell, Sheriff A. C. Cromwell and Mr. R. H. Bagby, was appointed to draw up the address. This will not be given to the press until it has been forwarded to the State Committee.

SENTENCE COMMUTED.

Considerable comment, pro and con, has been made in this city to-day on the subject of the commutation by the Governor late yesterday afternoon, of the penitentiary sentence of C. C. Walker, convicted of killing J. T. Bond, to one year in jail.

It was the consensus of opinion that the verdict of one year, although it involved a penitentiary term, was very light punishment for the crime, but the efforts of Walker's friends to secure a commutation of his sentence, and the Governor at the close of his day's work yesterday granted the commutation. There was the greatest feeling aroused here by the killing.

It will be recalled that Walker was not sent to the penitentiary by the regular court, but was carried up to Richmond by his brother and two officers. The penitentiary authorities refused to receive him from them and he was returned to jail here. Then the Governor was asked to let him stay here.

BIG MORTGAGE.

The mortgage made by the Seaboard Air Line Railway to the Continental Trust Company, of New York, to secure the payment of \$5,000,000 of 5 per cent. collateral gold bonds, to be used in the completion of the Birmingham extension, went to record in this city to-day.

The mortgage, which will be recorded in all the cities and counties through which the road runs. The proportion of the State of Virginia's tax on the document will be paid at Portsmouth only.

The commandant's office of the navy yard was advised this afternoon of the arrival in Hampton Roads of the Dolphin and the gunboat Marietta. The Dolphin will coal here. It is not known that any high naval officials are aboard her.

Schooner Wrecked.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., March 5.—The schooner "Dunck," of Norfolk, Va., lumber laden, sprang a leak off Roanoke Island Wednesday. The captain, Capt. G. H. Stoddard, reported that the cargo of 75,000 feet of lumber, but a strong wind drove the vessel upon the shoals and wrecked.

The crew reached the shore in the boat after great hardship.

PERMANENCE OF CURE.

The Chief Merit.
Many so-called pile remedies will afford the user slight temporary relief, and the number of sufferers do not expect more than this. Women especially, after having tried every preparation recommended by the doctor, have come to the conclusion that there is no cure except by an operation. This is a frightful view, with dread, because of the shock to the delicate system of women, and many of those afflicted have resigned themselves to the situation, believing that there is no help in sight for them.

We invite the attention of all such to the experience of the lady whose address is given below.

I feel it my duty to recommend the Pyramid Pile Cure, which I have used with a most distressing form of Piles, I am entirely cured, thanks to this remedy. Anyone suffering from Piles, no matter how long they have been afflicted, can have no firmer advocate than I.

Testimony like this should convince the most skeptical that Pyramid Pile Cure is not only a cure, but a cure that can be applied in the privacy of the home, directly to the parts affected, and does its work quickly and painlessly.

Druggists sell this famous remedy for fifty cents a package, and we urge all sufferers to buy a package now and give it a trial tonight. Accept no substitutes. Write Pyramid Pile Cure Co., Marshall, Va., for a free literature. The cure of Piles, which is sent free for the asking.

A Student's Purchase.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 5.—Mr. Charles P. Stearns, a student in the medical department of the University of Virginia, and captain of the Varsity baseball nine, has purchased the handsome estate near Staunton, known as "Selma," for \$10,000 cash. The mansion on the estate is one of the oldest and most substantial in the State, having been erected nearly a century ago.

Mr. Stearns expects to make this his summer residence after his graduation in medicine.

Ad. sense of the best sort. See to-day's Want Ad. Page.

Is money a friend to you? See to-day's Want Ad. Page.

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After a cure by "Seventy-seven" you feel strong and rejuvenated.

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Kindly accept my thanks for your very satisfactory and prompt settlement. Yours very truly, (Signed) VIRGINIA CADOT BLANKENSHIP.

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—FROM—

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The largest trees sometimes come from the smallest seed. The most far-reaching results frequently have their beginning almost in obscurity. A tiny "Tea-Dee" want ad. of only twenty-five lines must be the foundation of a great fortune. These little persistent business getters are bound to attract attention. One alone in the paper might get lost, but their strength lies in their number. It is impossible to open the Times-Dispatch without seeing the want ads. They remind one of a troop of Brownies in the marvelous feats which they perform. One little want ad. like one Little Brownie, could do but little, but in a single night, the Brownies can build a city, so powerful are they in numbers, and in a day the Tea-Dee want ads. can turn the tide of business. Thousands and thousands of people read them, because they present themselves so persistently, and because they possess an interest peculiar to themselves. They are full of news and full of bargains; they are home brighteners and business builders.

Phone 649 for the want ad. man and talk it over with him.

FLEET ARRIVES AT PENSACOLA

Turned Back on Account of Collision of Battleships.

(By Associated Press.)
PENSACOLA, FLA., March 5.—The flagship Newark and the cruiser Detroit, of the South Atlantic Squadron, arrived here to-day. The vessels were spoken in the forenoon by wireless telegraphy, and reached port at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, crossing the bar and anchoring in the harbor off the city, where they joined the battleship Texas and the cruiser Florida, which have been here for the past week.

On account of the collision between the Missouri and the Illinois, Admiral Dewey ordered all ships of the North Atlantic fleet to put back into the harbor, where an examination was made of the injuries to the Illinois. The vessels will arrive here Monday or Tuesday, as they departed about twenty-four hours after the collision. The cruiser Montgomery accompanied the fleet.

Mrs. Stoddard to Lecture.
An entertainment will be given March 20th at the M. C. A. hall for the benefit of the Stoddard family. Mrs. Stoddard is a daughter of the late John Stoddard, late editor of the San Francisco Overland, monthly magazine. Mrs. Stoddard is one of the lecturers of the Brooklyn Institution of Arts and Sciences, and is a member of the New York Tribune, and is an illustrated lecture on South America, which is instructive and decidedly interesting.

Peoples Must Hang.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WYTHEVILLE, VA., March 5.—The Supreme Court has refused a writ of error in the case of Peoples, who were killed by John Slagle here December last. The case was tried in the Wythe County Court at the February term, convicted of murder in the first degree and was sentenced to hang March 5th.

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WEAK OR DELICATE WOMEN WILL FIND THE BITTERS VERY HELPFUL.